



SUPPLIES  
ALL WANTS

### Mistaken in a Thief.

A certain news agency has telegraphed abroad the report that I am in Switzerland, not for the benefit of my health, but for the purpose of studying bicycles, and they added that I was an expert thief, and, for a time, at least, I had succeeded in baffling the most prize-worthy attempts of the police of two towns in Switzerland.

While this statement is naturally flattering to me, it is, nevertheless, a libel, and, in fact, if I cared to use strong language, I might say as to take the last syllable away from the word "libel."

The whole trouble arose through Switzerland not having a proper language of its own, that half country preferring to express what few thoughts it has in a mixture of French, German and Italian, depending on what particular nation you happen to be in. They say that the Swiss are natural linguists. Unfortunately, they are. Any combination of sounds you may make means something to any Swiss to whom you happen to be talking, for he knows so many languages that you are sure to hit one of them, and so you convey ideas to him that you had no thought of expressing.

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### 20 Words for 10c.

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**MONEY WANTED AND TO LOAN**—Do you wish to get a loan on good real estate? The National Savings and Loan Association can help you. You can get it from us without delay. NATIONAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, 1407 P. M. W. de 26-27.

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**WANTED**—The loan of \$8,000 on first-class real estate. No agency. 708 19th st. de 26-27.

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**WE take** as collateral any listed stock or bond in any city of the United States also old life insurance policies, syndicate certificates, warehouse receipts, real estate mortgages, and trusts. YOUNG & EAKER, 40 to 46 Melrose Building. de 26-27.

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but he finally left his mules and went in. The tubes were placed in his ears, he dropped the nickel in the slot, and a brass band began to play.

"Whoa, there!" shouted the rustic, darting out of the store. "Them mules of mine won't stand no such nonsense!"

At first the Englishman looked anxious, as if he expected to hear the rest of the story. Then suddenly he burst out laughing. "Great joke on me, my friend," he shouted. "Chicago Record."

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**FOR RENT**—Fur room; newly papered. 623 J. ave. n. w. de 26-27.

**FOR RENT**—Room and board, \$20 per month; table board, \$3.50 per week. 825 21st st. n. w. de 26-27.

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